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SUBJ: UNGA SPECIAL SESSION--STATEMENT BY QATAR'S MINISTER  
OF FINANCE AND PETROLEUM

1. SUMMARY. ALTHOUGH MINISTER OF FINANCE AND PETROLEUM KHALIFA ALTHANI TOUCHED ON THEMES OF ESSENTIAL INEQUALITIES IN WORLD TRADING SYSTEM AND EXPLOITATION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BY INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD, THE CENTRAL POINT HE MADE WAS AN APOLOGIA FOR RECENT ACTIONS BY OPEC COUNTRIES. END SUMMARY.

2. IN JUSTIFYING OPEC ACTION HE SAID THAT GIVEN CONTINUED EXPLOITATION BY INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES OF POOR COUNTRIES THE OPEC COUNTRIES BELIEVE THAT OUT OF LEGITIMATE SELF-DEFENSE THEY SHOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE INTO THEIR OWN HANDS AND READJUST THE PRICE OF PETROLEUM. SUCH ACTION IS JUSTIFIED BECAUSE:

- A. OIL IS AN EXHAUSTIBLE AND NON-RENEWABLE RESOURCE;
  - B. OIL IS MORE IMPORTANT FOR PRODUCTION OF PETROCHEMICALS THAN AS AN ORDINARY FUEL; AND
  - C. THE FIRST AND FOREMOST DUTY OF OPEC STATES IS TO RAISE
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THE STANDARD OF LIVING OF THEIR PEOPLES.

3. ALTHANI FURTHER EXPLAINED THAT OPEC STATES INSIST ON THEIR RIGHTS TO EXERCISE PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OVER THEIR RESOURCES, TO DEVELOP AND UTILIZE THEM IN ANY MANNER CONFORMING TO THEIR NATIONAL INTEREST AND FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF NATIONAL PROSPERITY. THIS STRONGLY NATIONALISTIC THEME WAS MITIGATED ONLY BY A PASSING REFERENCE TO INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION--"QATAR IS HAPPY TO PARTICIPATE FULLY, INASMUCH AS ITS FINANCIAL MEANS PERMIT, IN GIVING ALL POSSIBLE AID TO, AND IN COOPERATION WITH, DEVELOPING NATIONS, TO WHOM CURRENT WORLD ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE CAUSED ADDITIONAL DAMAGE AND INCREASED DIFFICULTY." HE DID NOT FURTHER ELABORATE ON THIS WILLINGNESS.

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